GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NEW RADIO STATIONS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new Radio Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location and State-wise particularly in Bihar; and

(c) the time by which the proposed Radio Stations are likely to be opened?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 4 Nos. of new FM Stations at Gaya, Motihari, Banka and Madhubanhave been proposed by Prasar Bharati for the state of Bihar in the 10th Five Year Plan. Further, one 10 KW additional FM channel has also been proposed to be installed atPatna in Bihar. The state-wise list of new stations, proposed to be opened in the country by AIR during 10th Five Year Plan, is given in the Annexure.

(c): The commissioning of Radio Stations is contingent upon theapproval of the competent authority, availability of financial resources and inter-se priorities.